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DADASAHEB PHALKE FOR WAHEEDA REHMAN

Bollywood legend Waheeda Rehman, who went on to act in cult classics such as *Pyaasa* and *Guide*, will be honoured with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award. Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur made this announcement on X on Tuesday. Her remarkable career spanning more than six decades and 90 films in different languages saw her segue from black and white to colour, and from lead roles to character cameos | P11

APPOINTMENTS

Govt sitting on 70 collegium fiats, says SC

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday pulled up the Centre for its inordinate delay in clearing various collegium recommendations for appointment and transfer of high court judges. A bench of judges S K Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia asked Attorney General R Venkataramani to get the government's view on this, adding it would take up the issue every 10 days till some progress is made.

"There were 80 recommendations pending until last week when 10 names were cleared. Now, the figure is 70, of which 26 recommendations are of transfer of judges, seven are reiterations, nine are pending without being returned to the collegium, and one case is of appointment of the Chief Justice to a sensitive high court," the bench said. It added that the delay leads to loss of talent for the judiciary because candidates withdraw their consent.

"I thought of saying a lot, but since the attorney general is only seeking seven days time, I'm holding myself. Today, I am quiet... The next time I will not be quiet. Use your good office to see these issues are resolved," Justice Kaul told Venkataramani. The observation came during the hearing of a petition filed by Advocates Association of Bengaluru seeking contempt action against the Union Ministry of Law and Justice for not adhering to the timeline set by the court in a 2021 judgment.

Jaishankar gives masterclass to Canada on terror

'Respect for territory can't be cherry-picked'

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday called out the selective approach of nations on terrorism, in what was particularly seen as a stinging attack on Canada that recently blamed India for killing its national, who was Khalistani terrorist.

"Political convenience determines responses to terrorism, extremism and violence. Similarly, respect for territorial integrity and non-interference in internal affairs cannot be exercises in cherry picking. When reality departs from rhetoric, we must have the courage to call it out. Without genuine solidarity, there can never be real trust. This is very much the sentiment of the Global South," said Jaishankar in his address at the annual UN General Assembly session in New York.

His remarks were also seen in the context of cross-border terrorism from Pakistan and the stand-off with China in the Ladakh area.

"We often advocate the promotion of a rules-based order. From time to time, respect for the UN Charter is also invoked. But for all the talk, it is still a few nations who shape the agenda and seek to define the norms. This cannot go on indefinitely. Nor will it go unchallenged," said Jaishankar.

The minister began his address with a Bharat pitch - 'Namaste from Bharat' - just as the name board before Prime Minister Narendra Modi's seat at the recent G20 summit at Delhi said Bharat. While concluding his 17-minute address, he again invoked Bharat.

Prodding the UN to reform its Security Council, he recalled India's initiative at the G20 meet to admit the African Union as its permanent member. "By doing so, we gave voice to an entire continent which has long been its due. This significant step in reform should inspire the United Nations, a much older organisation, to also make the Security Council contemporary. Broad representative is after all, a prerequisite for both effectiveness and credibility," Jaishankar said.

Hailing the G20 Summit as successful, Jaishankar said the country began its G20 Presidency with the Voice of the Global South Summit.

It enabled India to hear directly from 125 nations and place their concerns on the G20 agenda.

Kempegowda Bus Station wears a deserted look during the day-long Bengaluru bandh on Tuesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

CAUVERY: B'LURU BANDH NEAR TOTAL, PEACEFUL

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@ Bengaluru

THE Bengaluru bandh on Tuesday against the release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu was near total and peaceful, barring a few stray incidents of violence. While agitators have given a three-day deadline to the State Government to fulfil their demands, Kannada organisations have called for an all-Karnataka bandh on Friday.

Dead rat in food packet

A policeman deputed for Bengaluru bandh duty got the shock of his life when he found a dead rat in a food packet supplied by a hotel to policemen. Following this, an FIR has been registered against the hotel. P4

More than 150 organisations supported Tuesday's bandh. Shopkeepers across the city kept the shutters down.

Although various organisations, including those of cab and autorickshaw drivers had withdrawn their support to the bandh call, they remained off the road in a show of solidarity. Hotels and restaurants remained closed.

BMTC operated its buses, but they did not see the usual rush. As schools and colleges had declared a holiday and many companies had asked their employees to work from home, the city wore a near-deserted look.

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EXPRESS READ

Manipur govt reimposes internet ban for 5 days

The Manipur govt on Tuesday reimposed the ban on internet services for the next five days. The action came after students clashed with police over the murder of two youths. Mobile internet services, which were suspended in early May, were restored only three days ago | P12

Karnataka told to release 3K cusecs to TN for 18 days

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru/Mysuru

AMID protests against release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu, the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) on Tuesday directed Karnataka to release 3,000 cusecs of water to the lower riparian State for 18 days from September 28.

The CWRC issued the directive on the day when the State capital witnessed a near total bandh in response to the call given by farmers and various organisations against releasing water to TN.

"The current order (on releasing 5,000 cusecs daily) will be applicable till September 27. So, we will discuss the directive with the State's legal team and take a decision on the action to be taken," Chief Minister Siddaramaiah told reporters in Mysuru while responding to a question on the CWRC directive.

At the CWRC meeting, Karnataka contended that it is not in a position to release water from its reservoirs to TN. P6

Ram temple consecration likely on Jan 22

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

SPECULATION over, it's time for the real thing. The consecration of the Ram temple in Ayodhya is expected on January 22, said Nripendra Mishra, chairperson of its construction committee on Wednesday.

The construction of the ground floor of the three-storey temple will be over by December-end, he told a news agency.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to take part in the *pran pratishtha* (consecration) between January 20-24, he said, adding the final date is yet to be communicated by the Prime Minister's Office.

But it is expected to be during January 20-24 as after that the Prime Minister will be very busy with Republic Day and other programmes, Mishra told PTI.

The Sri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust will formally invite Modi for the consecration during which the idol of Ram Lalla will be installed in the sanctum sanctorum.

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Hon. Deputy Chief Minister
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